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 - The following factories and installations are under construction or have recently 1. been completed in Slovakia:
 - At Brezno (Q49/D16), near the main railway station, a factory has been completed recently and is producing steel girders. At present there are only 200 men employed there, but several hundred more are being recruited. Houses and flats for 200 families are being constructed around this factory.
 - On the Vah River, in Trencin (P49/T58), two hydro-electric power stations are in the process of construction. A third power station is being erected at Nove Meste nad Vahom (P49/T36).
 - At Bratislava, near the Stollwerk factory, three new factory buildings have been completed and two are in the process of being built.
 - A new factory has been erected at Krompachy (R49/E06).
 - A new factory is being constructed in Henry (049/004). It consists of several large buildings surrounded by houses, none of which is yet complete.
 - The textile factory in Liptovsky Wradec (Q50/D19) has been completed and has began production.
 - Stocks of electrodes in the heavy engineering industry in Czechoslovakia as of 30 September 1949 were as follows:

| Diameter in mm | Stock in kgs | Consumption in kgs per month | Remarks |
|--|---|---|--|
| 100 120 130 150 180 200 230 250 | 3,900 7,300 7,195 18,960 41,120 53,558 27,961 10,000 19,000 | 400 190 2,000 1,000 2,500 10,000 2,000 17,000 6,000 | The import of electrodes from Switzerland was stopped three months ago. Electrodes 250 are in very short supply. It is estimated that the substitutes will last only until 15 November 1949. |

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3. Stock of metals in Czechoslovakia as of 1 September 1949 were as follows:

| Metal | Tons | Reserve | Consummtion in September 3,170 tons | | | |
|----------------|--------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Copper | 13,110 | 16 weeks | | | | |
| Zinc (refined) | 3,169 | 17 " | 639 " | | | |
| Zinc (crude) | 3,230 | 25 " | 710 " | | | |
| Aluminum | 6,565 | 52 ¹¹ | 957 ⁿ | | | |
| Tin | 432 | 24 " | 74 " | | | |
| Lead | 1,700 | 17 " | 230 ⁿ | | | |
| Nickel | 980 | 62 " | 128 " | | | |

4. Stock of metals in Czechoslovakia as of 1 October 1949 were as follows:

| lietal All I | oundries* | KOVO | Slovakia | Chemical industry | Mines | Rese | 1 7 9. |
|-------------------|----------------|-------|--------------|-------------------|-------|------|---------------|
| Copper (wir)(sic) | 5724 | 572 | 33 | 42 | *** | 16 % | eeks |
| Copper (ost)** | 6223 | 240 | 100 | 2342 | 280 | 18 | n |
| Aluminum | 8999 | 210 | 1.60 | 110 | 60 | 9 | n |
| Lead (soft) | 2438 | 1910 | 4020 | 400 | 663 | 22 | tt . |
| Lead (hard) | 1500 (2) | 380 | 10 | 1154 | 210 | 17 | 11 |
| Zinc (crude) | 4459 | 320 | 815 | 602 | •• | 30 | Ħ |
| Zinc (refined) | 1776 | 7 | 10 | 412 | - | 18 | 11 |
| Tin | . 564 | 160 | 2 3 5 | 142 | 6 | 22 | Ħ. |
| Nickel | 1500 | 210 | 43 | *** | 5 | 10 | t# |
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Mercury imports have reached only 7 percent of the figure planned. The situation in lead is also serious.

Comment: These figures are in tops.

Comment: It is possible that "ost." is an abbreviation for the Czech word Ostatek meaning remainder. This may refer to copper slag or scrap copper.

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